

Our Dead

McDONALD.—Sister Ruth McDonald was born July 1, 1827, died Feb. 3, 1898, age 70 years, 7 months and 2 days, leaving a husband and nine children to mourn their loss. Services by the writer in the Ebenezer M. E. church.

S. B. GRISSE.

LEEDY.—Brother David Leedy was born in Bedford Co., Pa., November 23, 1821, died Feb. 23, 1898, aged 76 years 3 months. When 8 years old, came to Knox Co., O., with his parents, resided there until his death. In the person of Brother Leedy the church has lost one of its pillars and can not help but be felt by all. Pike township as well has lost a noble citizen, an honest and upright man. Since our acquaintance with him we could not help but hold him in the highest esteem as a brother. Always cheerful, always given to hospitality, and deeds of charity, ever manifesting the deepest interest in the church. By his own request the words of the Revelator John were used as a text. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Thus the North Liberty church has recently lost two of her aged members.

S. B. GRISSE.

"Far from the scenes of care and bloody strife,
He drinks the pleasure of immortal life;
His soul, accustomed to the work of praise;
In love to God pours out seraphic lays,
Which swell, while roofing o'er those Heavenly plains,
Up to the throne, in softest sweetest strains;
He finds no one to bliss, He knows no pain,
For Him to live was Christ, to die was gain."

—Anon.

Matrimonial

CURTIS—UNDERWOOD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Woodland, Mich., on Feb. 22, 1898, by the writer, Mr. David Curtis and sister Gertrude Underwood, all of Woodland, Mich. May peace and prosperity attend them thro a long life is my prayer.

J. G. WINEY.

THOMAS—KRABILL.—At the home of the bride, one mile west of West Independence, Hancock county, Ohio, Mr. Chalmers B. Thomas and Miss Zua E. Krabill. Miss Krabill has been serving as our organist here during our pastorate and we are loath to give her up but we pray that God's choicest blessings man attend the happy couple thro life's journey.

M. S. WHITE.

PICKRELL—DALRYMPLE.—At my residence Wednesday afternoon Feb. 23, 1898, Mr. George Pickrell and Miss Minnie Dalrymple were united in marriage. This young couple start out with bright prospects and my prayer is that God's richest blessings may go with them.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

Church News

Program Union Meeting

To be held at New Paris, Ind., March 26 and 27, 1898.

SATURDAY A. M.

9:30—Devotional service, Rev. Isaac Stuckman.

10:00—Sermon, Rev. L. A. Hubbard.

10:30—Paper, Ways and Means by which Dormant Members may be Helped in the Local Church. Eleazer Fryman. Discussion led by Ezra Leedy.

11:00—The interested worker in King's Children. Mrs. Amanda Hartzoe. Discussion, Cora Culp.

11:30—Reports of churches and auxiliary societies.

SATURDAY P. M.

1:30—Praise service, Mrs. Anna Wohlford.

2:00—Bible lesson, Rev. A. S. Menaugh.

2:30—That Prayer Meeting. Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer. Discussion, Mrs. Evaline Stuckman.

3:00—The True Preacher in the S. S. Work. Rev. L. A. Hazlet. Discussion, Walter Wagner.

3:30—Query Box.

Adjourn until 7:00.

7:00 p. m.—Communion.

SUNDAY A. M.

Sunrise prayer meeting.

9:30—Sunday-school.

10:30—Sermon, Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer.

SUNDAY P. M.

7:00—Sermon, Rev. A. S. Menaugh.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Homeward Bound

From Tiosa, Ind., where we have been for the past three weeks, and we feel that we could tell you more about rain and snow and mud, dark nights and measles scare than anything else. We were rained out entirely two evenings and we did not have a good audience during the entire time, yet while we had all this against us the Lord was for us and if he is for us who can be against us? Sister Etta Tombaugh was with us and we had Bible study on the life of Christ during the day at 2 P. M., which was very interesting and instructive. Those who attended enjoyed it very much. She preached for us one night and gave us valuable assistance in prayer, opening services, and personal work for which we feel very thankful. Sister Etta is a good instructor for children and would do a grand work in that line if she had the opportunity. The members that could attend enjoyed the meeting very much and seemed to be strengthened. The immediate visible results were five precious souls for which we feel very grateful to the giver of all good. May they never falter nor fall by the way, is our prayer. This ends our work for the winter and we feel as though we were ready to lay by a few days for repair. We commenced October 18, and have been in the harness almost con-

stantly ever since and while we feel somewhat worn in body we feel strong in the Lord. But there is one thing among many that I would love to see, Brethren in Ind., and that is that our church congregation could employ a pastor half the time. This gives each one two congregations and I feel that we could do much more good and bring more souls to Christ, than for one man to have two congregations as I have. May the Lord bless us all and crown our labors with success, is our prayer.

D. A. HOPKINS.

North Liberty, Ohio

Our protracted effort at Ankneytown closed on Sunday evening Feb. 20, after three weeks effort. We had bad roads and bad weather to contend with from the beginning, but a good interest was manifest through the entire meeting. Results were three confessions. May the good Lord strengthen and care for them in their new life and ultimately gather them into his heavenly home.

COMMENTS

Brother Gnagey, page sixteen, of last week's EVANGELIST, caps anything I ever saw. I might say "God bless the sentiment it teaches," but better say "I know He will bless it if we do our part—vote the curse out." As I passed thro a city on my way to this place (Pittsburg) last Saturday, the 26th I saw a sign in the door of a saloon, "Free beer tomorrow"—(Sunday.) Satan like when he said "Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil." Aspiration for something greater, not willing to let good enough alone, and by yielding to satan brought sin with all its horrible results into the world. "Free beer"—they know their traffic is endangered and thus seek to rope in the unwary and destroy the homes and lives of thousands. Well can they afford to give away a few kegs of beer on Sunday in order to open many more during the week.

S. B. GRISSE.

Ft. Scott, Kans.

We had the pleasure of visiting the brethren of Sumner county, Kansas, the last week of January. We reached the brethren in the vicinity of Mulvane on the 23, held four meetings with them; had good attendance and very good attention. From there we went to the brethren which are located near South Haven, and held five meetings with the same favorable results. The Sumner county brethren have had no regular preaching for about two years, but we are glad that we can say that we found them alive and interested in the work of the Master. They have an evergreen Sunday school. We have arranged to locate and begin work with them by April 1. We believe there is an opportunity for doing work in that portion of the Lord's field. There is evidently plenty of available material there for building up the church. Our thoughts and prayers are to put forth a united effort for the building up